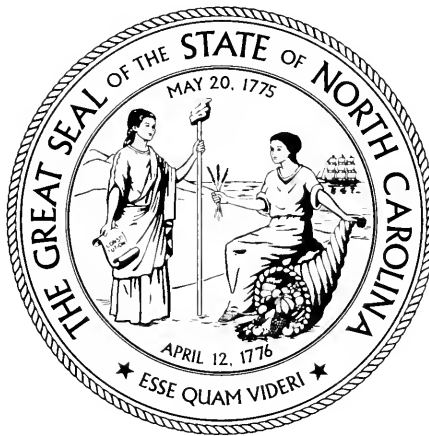


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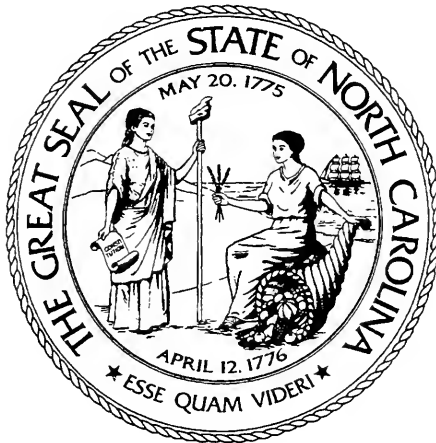
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Terrence D. Sullivan, Director of Research

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RE: Legislative Commissions, Non-Standing Committees, Interim Studies

This document contains lists of all permanent legislative commissions and non-standing committees and all studies authorized or directed to be undertaken by the 2003 General Assembly. The listing includes not only studies undertaken by legislative bodies, but also those directed to be undertaken by other agencies of State government.

Permanent commissions, committees, and other bodies of the executive and judicial branches are not included in this publication. For memberships of and information on other existing *permanent* executive and judicial agencies, please contact Ms. Cathy Martin, our Legislative Librarian, at 919.733.9390 or Ms. Sondra Davis, the Governor's Director of Boards and Commissions, at 919.715.0966.

Mr. Brian Peck of the Legislative Library, working with other legislative staff and executive branch employees, compiled and edited this publication. The explanation of the publication's format is on the following page.

We hope that the publication will aid you and your constituents in rapidly getting accurate information on matters of government policy. Your comments on and suggestions for improvement as to this publication, as well as other Research Division efforts, are solicited and always appreciated.

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PREFACE

For ease of use this publication is divided into two parts, 'Studies and Reports', and 'Study Commissions, Committees and Task Forces'. Each part has been printed on different colored paper to assist the user.

Part I, printed on yellow paper, is 'Studies and Reports'. This is a subject listing of each of the studies and reports authorized or undertaken by the 2001 General Assembly, or that are due during this biennium. Entries are arranged by subject and include references to the legal authority of the study or report; the commission, committee, task force or agency from which the report is due; when the report is due; and to who it is to be made. A contact name is provided for agencies and statutory commissions when available. Legislative committee or commission contact information can be found in Part II under the listing for that committee.

Part II, printed on green paper, is 'Study Commissions, Committees and Task Forces'. This is an alphabetical listing by title of each commission, committee or task force directed or authorized to conduct the study listed in the first (yellow) part of this publication. Each entry includes the establishing legal authority; reporting requirements when applicable; scope of duties; additional studies assigned or referred; and, for legislative commissions and committees, the membership appointed thus far with their names, addresses and telephone numbers, and committee staff and their telephone numbers.

A comprehensive index is provided for additional access points.

The Editor.

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT ADVOCACY PROGRAMS

Authority: SL2003-284 §18.2, HB 397.
Report by: Department of Administration
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee.
Report due: May 1, 2004
Scope: Shall study the functions of the advocacy programs that are housed in the Department of Administration to determine the appropriate organizational placement of the programs within State government. The study shall also consider whether the functions of the programs could be more efficiently and effectively performed by an appropriate nonprofit organization.
Contact: George Millsaps, Liaison for Productivity and Legislative Affairs
(919) 807-2340

ACTIVITY BUS SAFETY RULES

Authority: SL2003-284 §7.25(c), HB 397.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: March 15, 2004
Scope: Shall study the adequacy of the safety rules and policies adopted by local boards of education regarding the use of activity buses.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 807-3304

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Authority: Letter of 11/3/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a), and House Rule 26(a)
Report by: House Select Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control Issues
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study all aspects of alcoholic beverage control in the State
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

BUDGET PRACTICES

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.2A(a), HB 397.
Report by: Office of State Budget and Management
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee.
Report due: Not specified
Scope: In consultation with the State Controller, shall conduct a review and evaluation of current practices relative to: nonreverting funds and accounts; designation of "off budget" funds; sources of authority for expenditures from special funds, trust funds, internal service funds, and enterprise funds; classification and management of said funds; appropriate budget planning within these funds; and administration of G.S. 143-27. Where the review/evaluation reveals problems or failures the Office shall report its findings and recommendations.
Contact: Charles Perusse – Deputy State Budget Director
(919) 733-7061

BUDGET PROCESS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.12(b), HB 397.
Report by: Joint Committee on Executive Budget Act Revisions
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall consider contemporary financial management practices in reviewing the current budget process. Shall recommend any changes to the Executive Budget Act that are needed to modernize and improve the process of budget preparation, budget adoption, budget execution, and program evaluation.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS STANDARDS AND PLANS IMPLEMENTATION

Authority: SL2002-4 §13, SB 1078.
Report by: Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality
Report to: Environmental Management Commission and Environmental Review Commission
Report due: Interim findings by September 1, 2003 and final findings and recommendations no later than September 1, 2005.
Scope: Shall study issues related to the development and implementation of standards and plans to implement programs to control emissions of carbon dioxide from coal-fired generating units and other stationary sources of air pollution.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 715-4189

CHAPTER 20 (MOTOR VEHICLE ACT) CONSOLIDATION

Authority: SL2001-491 §26.1, SB 166.
Report by: General Statutes Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly and 2005 General Assembly
Scope: May study renumbering, rearranging, and consolidating the provisions of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, FOSTER CARE, AND ADOPTION

Authority: Letter of 09-19-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6
Report by: House Interim Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, Foster Care, and Adoption
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004.
Scope: In undertaking the study of child abuse and neglect, the Committee shall determine how children might be better protected from abuse and neglect.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

COMPANION ANIMALS

Authority: SL2002-180 §6.1, SB 98.
Report by: Legislative Study Commission on Companion Animals
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May make an interim report no later than the convening of the 2003 General Assembly, and final report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session

Scope: Shall review the laws regarding companion animals considering the operation of public and private shelters, spay-neuter programs, minimum standards and responsibilities for owners, and the need and feasibility of licensing commercial breeders and kennel operators.

Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

COMPANION ANIMALS (HOUSE)

Authority: Letter of 8-13-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6

Report by: House Interim Committee on the Prevention and Disposition of Unwanted and Abandoned Companion Animals and the Intervention of Animal Cruelty

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and final report December 31, 2004

Scope: Shall address the issue of preventing unwanted and abandoned companion animals, specifically through the medical procedures of spaying and neutering, to review the laws related to current control practices, including disposition, and the laws dealing with revenue collection and appropriation.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN HIGH-LEVEL OFFICERS

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.15, HB 397.

Report by: Office of State Personnel, Office of State Budget and Management

Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Report due: April 1, 2004

Scope: Shall study the relative compensation of members of the Council of State, State department heads, and other high-ranking elected and nonelected public officials whose salaries are set by the General Assembly to determine whether the officers are being compensated at rates in accordance with: scope of responsibility and span of control; critical nature of department, agency, institution, or function; relative size of operations and budget under officer's control; and required credentials, knowledge, and experience necessary for position.

Contact: Thomas H. Wright – Director
(919) 733-7108

CONSOLIDATED CORPORATE INCOME TAX RETURNS

Authority: SL2003-349 §9, SB 236.

Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee

Report to: Not specified

Report Due: Not specified

Scope: The Committee shall establish a study group composed of State tax professionals from accounting firms and representatives of the Department of Revenue to work together on gathering appropriate data to conduct an analysis of the potential revenue impact of modifying the corporate income tax law to require consolidated returns.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS FEE ADJUSTMENT

Authority: SL2003-284 §14.5(b), HB 397.

Report by: Office of State Budget and Management

Report to: House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Senate Appropriations

Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Fiscal Research Division
Contact: Charles Perusse – Deputy State Budget Director
(919) 733-7061

CURRITUCK TO OUTER BANKS FERRY

Authority: SL2002-126 §26.12, SB 1115
Report by: Department of Transportation
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: On or before June 1, 2003
Scope: Shall study and determine the feasibility of establishing ferry service from Currituck County to the northern Outer Banks.
Contact: Susan Coward– Legislative Liaison
(919) 733-2520

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT CENTERS

Authority: SL2003-284 §13.15(b), HB 397.
Report by: Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Scope: The Committee shall Review funding for centers, study the use of funding by recipients, determine if language of statute accurately state's the GA's priorities, recommend whether to vary match requirements according to each center's ability to obtain non-State resources, and study any other relevant factors.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Authority: Letter of 8-12-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6a and House Rule 26a
Report by: House Select Committee on Domestic Violence
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004
Scope: Shall review the causes of domestic violence, the laws related to domestic violence in North Carolina, the law enforcement and judicial system responses to domestic violence cases, the severity of criminal penalties in domestic violence cases, the effectiveness of the 1999 Crime Victims' Rights Act, and the adequacy of the data collection systems tracking domestic violence cases and homicides.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

DOROTHEA DIX PROPERTY

Authority: SL2003-314 sec. 3.4(a), HB 684.
Report by: Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Study Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study the sale of Dorothea Dix campus property no longer needed by the hospital and not transferred to another agency and make recommendations on options for sale of the property to the Governmental Operations Commission before any sale.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

DRIVER EDUCATION PRIVATIZATION

Authority: SL2003-284 §29.7, HB 397.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, and Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report due: November 30, 2003
Scope: Shall study statewide privatization of State-funded driver education programs.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 807-3304

DUPLICATION OF SMART START SERVICES

Authority: SL2003-284 §10.38(i), HB 397.
Report by: NC Partnership for Children, Inc.
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study any duplication of health services, family support, and program support activities.
Contact: Karen Ponder – Executive Director
(919) 821-7999

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Authority: Letter of 09-04-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Joint Select Committee on Economic Growth and Development
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Undertake a comprehensive review of the current State and local resources devoted to economic growth and development and determine how the State, working together with local communities, can best achieve economic stability, growth, and development in North Carolina.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS ON LONG TERM SUSPENSION

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6
Report by: House Interim Committee on Providing an Appropriate Education for Students on Long-Term Suspension
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004
Scope: Shall study the feasibility and cost of developing a State plan to ensure that students recommended for long-term suspension receive an appropriate education.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Authority: SL2003-284 §16.14, HB 397.
Report by: Department of Correction
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: March 1, 2004
Scope: Shall issue a request for information to determine interest and qualifications of private

vendors, report on efforts to increase the use of electronic monitoring, document the geographic distribution of electronic monitoring compared to other intermediate sanctions, and analyze the reasons for the underutilization of the program.

Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 716-3700

ELECTRONIC NOTARIZATION

Authority: SL2003-233 §4, SB 622.
Report by: Secretary of State
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: May study and make recommendations regarding what changes are desirable to the Notary Public Act to further facilitate electronic notarization.
Contact: Robert Wilson – Legislative Liaison
(919) 807-2023

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Authority: SL2002-180 §15.1, SB 98.
Report by: Statewide Emergency Preparedness Study Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May make interim reports to the 2003 General Assembly, final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the delivery of emergency medical services in the State; examining the State Trauma System funding; legal, administrative, logistical and other impediments to trauma care; ways of improving trauma care; State readiness to handle trauma from massive disasters; and other related matters.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report by: Senate Select Committee on Employee Hospital and Medical Benefits
Report to: General Assembly
Report Due: Not specified
Scope: Not specified
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

EVALUATE WATER QUALITY AND ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION IN SWIFT CREEK

Authority: SL2003-433 §4, HB 566.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: May identify and evaluate options to protect water quality and endangered species in the portion of Swift Creek and its watershed in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin that are located east of Nash County State Road 1003 (Red Oak Road).
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

FILM INDUSTRY FEASIBILITY

Authority: SL2003-284 §9.5, HB 397.
Report by: UNC Board of Governors
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall conduct a feasibility study to assess the strategic opportunities in the arts and entertainment industry in Forsyth County and its environs in the creation of programs, facilities, job opportunities, and tourism demand related to the film industry. The study shall include: the development of a program in digital media, and the development of a tourism destination film industry studio backlot.

Contact: Board Office
(919) 962-1000

FINANCIAL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE

Authority: SL2001-491 §17.1, SB 166; SL2002-126 §25.1(c), SB 1115.
Report by: Office of State Controller
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim report to the 2001 General Assembly 2002 Regular Session, and a final report to the 2004 General Assembly 2003 Regular Session

Scope: With the assistance of the Office of State Budget and Management, Office of Information Technology Services, and Office of State Personnel, shall engage a qualified consulting firm to determine the feasibility of developing and implementing a new financial business infrastructure for the State.

Contact: Robert Powell, State Controller
(919) 981-5406

FUTURE OF ELECTRIC SERVICES

Authority: SL97-40, SB 38; SL1999-122, HB 778; SL1999-395 §6.1, HB 163; SL2000-53, HB 1593; SL2000-67 §14.10, HB 1840.
Report by: Study Commission on the Future of Electric Service in North Carolina
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim report to the 1997 General Assembly 1998 Regular Session, and shall report periodically thereafter and shall terminate June 30, 2006.

Scope: Shall study the cost, adequacy, availability and pricing of electric rates and service to determine whether legislation is necessary to assure adequate and reliable service and economical, fair and equitable rates for all consumers of electricity. Study shall include reliability, universal access, states reciprocity, stranded costs, state and federal jurisdiction, alternative regulation, customer choice of providers, and the impact of competition.

Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

FUTURE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD

Authority: G.S. 120-245
Report by: Future of the North Carolina Railroad Study Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Annually
Scope: Shall study the importance of railroads and railroad infrastructure to economic development including short-line railroads, and issues important to the future of passenger and freight rail service, methods to expedite property disputes between railroads and property owners, and all aspects of the operation, structure, management, and long-range plans of the N.C. Railroad.

Note: Made permanent by SL2000-138 sec. 8.3(b).
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

GLOBAL TRANSPARK DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD STRUCTURE

Authority: SL2003-284 §12.8(f), HB 397
Report by: To be conducted by a designee of the NC Partnership for Economic Development
Report to: Fiscal Research Division and members of the NC Partnership for Economic Development
Scope: Board structure of the Global TransPark Development Commission shall be studied in accordance with recommendations in the Kenan-Flagler study, to determine if the board structure should be reconstituted and made similar to the boards of the Northeastern or Southeastern NC Regional Economic Development Commissions.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES

Authority: SL2003-284 §7.36, HB 397.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: December 15, 2003
Scope: Shall study the issue of weighted grades for high school students who take university and community college courses.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 807-3304

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Authority: SL2003-284 §29.12(c), HB 397.
Report by: Highway Trust Fund Study Committee
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation oversight Committee
Report due: November 1, 2004
Scope: May study all aspects of the Highway Trust Fund.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

HORACE WILLIAMS AIRPORT

Authority: Letter of 01-20-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Joint Select Committee on the Horace Williams Airport
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the utility of maintaining the operation of the Horace Williams Airport in Chapel Hill, taking in to consideration issues of safety, access, expense of operation, and alternative operation structures to meet aviation demands at the existing facility.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

IMPACT OF ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION ON LOCAL TAX REVENUES

Authority: SL2003-284 §11.7(a), HB 397.
Report by: Property Tax Subcommittee of the Revenue Laws Study Committee
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Revenue Laws Study Committee, and Fiscal Research Division
Report due: January 15, 2004
Scope: Shall study the positive and negative impacts of the acquisition of land by the State and

non-profit organizations using money from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and other State funds for conservation purposes on local government ad valorem tax revenues. The Committee may consider efforts by other states and the federal government to mitigate the negative impacts of acquisition of land for conservation.
See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

Contact:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGET STRUCTURE REVIEW

Authority: SL2003-284 §21.1, HB 397
Report by: Office of State Budget and Management
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, chairs of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, and Fiscal Research Division
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall conduct a study of information technology expenditures across all of State government, with focused attention to identification and elimination of duplicative expenditures, operations, and inventory, to identify and recommend potential cost savings and efficiencies in State agency IT operations.
Contact: Charles Perusse – Deputy State Budget Director
(919) 733-7061

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEGACY SYSTEMS

Authority: SL2003-172, HB 941.
Report by: Office of Information Technology Services
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Report due: Assessment phase by March 1, 2004, 2nd phase by January 31, 2005.
Scope: Shall, in conjunction with the Information Resource Management Commission, analyze the State's legacy information technology systems and develop a plan to ascertain the needs, costs, and time frame required for State agencies to progress to more modern information technology systems.
Contact: George Bakolia – Chief Information Officer
(919) 981-2680

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPERATION CENTRALIZATION FOR DHHS

Authority: SL2003-284 §10.8A(a), HB 397.
Report by: Department of Health and Human Services
Report to: Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and Fiscal Research Division
Scope: Shall conduct a department wide examination and analysis of its information technology infrastructure, including expenditures and management function. The Department shall review contracts with outside vendors, and consider the implementation of performance measures on future contracts. The Department shall develop a plan for the establishment of a Central IT Operations Unit common to all divisions, offices, and programs of the Department.
Contact: Glenda Parker – Administration Officer
(919) 733-4534

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Authority: SL2003-153 §1, HB 1003.
Report by: State Chief Information Officer
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and public
Report due: May 4, 2004

Scope: Shall assess the ability of each agency to comply with the current security enterprise-wide set of standards established pursuant to this section. The assessment shall include the rate of compliance with the standards in each agency, an assessment of each agency's security organization, network security architecture, and current expenditures for information technology security. The assessment shall also estimate the cost to implement the security measures needed for agencies to fully comply with the standards.

Contact: George Bakolia – Chief Information Officer
(919) 981-2680

INSURANCE AND CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report by: Senate Select Committee on Insurance and Civil Justice Reform
Report to: General Assembly
Report Due: Not specified
Scope: Not specified
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

LAPTOPS IN SENATE CHAMBER

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report by: Senate Select Committee on Laptops in Senate Chamber
Report to: General Assembly
Report Due: Not specified
Scope: Not specified
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Authority: SL2003-352 §12(a), HB 897.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, or 2005 General Assembly
Scope: May study issues related to the Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRANSFER OF SERVICE

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.18(c), HB 397.
Report by: State Treasurer, Retirement Division; and Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall study the feasibility and cost implications of applying the provisions of this section to present retirees of the Legislative Retirement System.
Contact: Julie White – Public Information Officer
(919) 508-1024

LICENSE PLATE ISSUES

Authority: SL2003-424 §7, HB 855.
Report by: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly

Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, or 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the following issues related to special registration plates: number of plates that have not received the minimum applications after three years and whether to repeal those plates; the plate background and alternative methods of identifying NC vehicles; and the fees and distribution of those fees.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

MEDICAID REFORM

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.14A(a), HB 397.
Report by: Blue Ribbon Commission on Medicaid Reform
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim report by April 1, 2004, Final report by February 1, 2005
Scope: The Commission shall examine the State's Medicaid program and make comprehensive recommendations for fundamental reform.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Authority: Letter of 09-12-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and House Rule 26(a)
Report by: House Blue Ribbon Task Force on Medical Malpractice
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004
Scope: Shall conduct a study of medical malpractice and make comprehensive recommendations for fundamental reform.
Contact: See Task Force listing in Part II of this volume.

MERCURY EMISSIONS MONITORING

Authority: SL2002-4 §12, SB 1078.
Report by: Division of Air Quality, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Report to: Environmental Management Commission, Environmental Review Commission
Report due: Interim reports annually beginning September 1, 2003, and final report September 1, 2005
Scope: Shall study issues related to the monitoring of emissions of mercury and the development and implementation of standards and plans to implement programs to control emissions of mercury from coal-fired generating units. Shall evaluate available control technologies and shall estimate the benefits and costs of alternative strategies to reduce emissions of mercury.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 715-4189

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26a, and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the State's relationship with the military
Note: Senate Select Committee on Military Affairs created on March 11, 2003, merged with Joint Select Committee.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

MILITARY AFFAIRS (SENATE)

Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and Senate Rule-31
Report by: Senate Select Committee on Military Affairs
Report to: General Assembly
Report Due: Not specified
Scope: Merged with Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs as of 11/12/2003.

MOBILE MEDICAL OPERATING ROOM

Authority: SL2003-284 §16.7, HB 397.
Report by: Department of Correction
Report to: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall study the use of the mobile operating room at Central Prison.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 716-3700

MOPED IDENTIFICATION TAG

Authority: SL2003-397 §6, SB 61.
Report by: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, or 2005 General Assembly
Scope: May study the need for a moped identification tag program, and make recommendations on identifying mopeds if it sees the need.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS

Authority: Letter of 09-24-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6
Report by: House Select Committee on Motorcycle Helmet Laws
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May 15, 2004
Scope: Shall review the laws of this State and other states relating to the use of motorcycle helmets; including current requirements for mandatory use, studies of effectiveness, effects on insurance premiums, safety training
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

NONDISCHARGE ANIMAL WASTE PERMITS

Authority: SL2003-28 §2, SB 733.
Report by: Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: March 1, 2004
Scope: Shall study the use of general nondischarge permits for animal waste management systems for swine, cattle, and poultry operations to protect water quality, including the impact of the use of general permits on the land application and potential discharge of nitrogen and phosphorous to surface water and groundwater in the State.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 715-4189

NORTH CAROLINA MANUAL DISTRIBUTION AND SALE

Authority: SL2003-284 §24.2, HB397.
Report by: Secretary of State
Report to: House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, and Fiscal Research Division
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall report on the distribution and sale of the North Carolina Manual, and shall study the feasibility of making the manual available via the Internet.
Contact: Robert Wilson – Legislative Liaison
(919) 807-2023

OFFENDER FEES COLLECTION

Authority: SL2003-284 §16.15, HB 397.
Report by: Department of Correction, and Judicial Department
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall report on the success of their efforts to improve the collection rate of offender fees for probationers and for nonprobationers sentenced to community service and on any recommendations for statutory or procedural changes to improve collections.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 716-3700

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING AMORTIZATION ORDINANCES

Authority: SL2003-432 §2, HB 754.
Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: To study local government ordinances amortizing off premises outdoor advertising.
Contact: See listing for Committee in Part II of this volume.

PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER WORKLOADS

Authority: SL2003-284 §16.18(b), HB 397.
Report by: Department of Correction
Report to: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: April 1, 2004
Scope: Shall conduct a study of probation/parole officer workload at least biannually. The initial study shall be conducted jointly by Department staff and a consultant, and shall include analysis of the type of offenders supervised, the distribution of the officers' time by type of activity, the caseload carried by the officers, and comparisons to practices in other states. The study shall determine whether the caseload goals established by the Structured Sentencing Act are still appropriate.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 716-3700

PROFITEERING FROM CRIME

Authority: Letter of 01-21-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19-6(a), and House Rule 26(a)
Report by: House Select Committee on Preventing Unjust Profiteering from Crime

Report to: General Assembly
Report due: On or before the convening of the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: Shall study the laws of this State and other states to determine what can be done to prevent criminal offenders and other from profiteering from crimes and may study other related issues. May consider court cases concerning "Son of Sam" laws to ensure any proposed legislation can withstand constitutional challenge.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

Authority: SL2003-284 §13.6, HB 397.
Report by: Office of Indigent Defense Services
Report to: House Appropriations Committee, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
Report due: March 1, 2004
Scope: Shall study the establishment of additional public defender districts, identifying the areas of the State in which savings could be realized by the establishment of such districts and the projected savings in each area.
Contact: Malcolm R. Hunter – Executive Director
(919) 560-3380

REDISTRICTING

Authority: Letter of 11-19-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Senate Select Committee on Redistricting
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Committee ends on appointment of standing Senate Redistricting Committee
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

RISING COST OF HEALTH CARE

Authority: Letter of 09-12-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a), and House Rule 26(a)
Report by: House Select Committee on the Rising Cost of Health Care
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: March 15, 2004
Scope: Review the rate of health care cost increases, actions by other states, effect on availability of health care, affordability of health care in NC, effect on employers, factors that effect health care costs, and other related issues, to determine how to stem the rising cost of health care.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

SALE AND LEASE-BACK OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.8(f), HB 397.
Report by: Department of Administration
Report to: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Report due: Interim report by December 1, 2003, and final report by March 1, 2004
Scope: Shall review the highest and best use of state-owned property and determine if less expensive alternative sites could be acquired for State use and the former sites sold or marketed by sale and lease-back until the alternative site is ready for use.
Contact: George Millsaps, Liaison for Productivity and Legislative Affairs
(919) 807-2340

SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES

Authority: SL2003-284 §7.32, HB 397
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: February 15, 2004
Scope: Shall review the standards for the number of school nurses recommended in the Basic Education Program to determine whether these standards are being met by the local administrative units. Shall compare the current standards with standards recommended by national health organizations to determine whether the current standards are adequate to meet the changing needs and demands for health services of the current and projected school populations.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 807-3304

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Joint Select Committee on Small Business Economic Development
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the responsiveness of the State's small businesses and make recommendations on small business economic development initiatives.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

STATE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN

Authority: SL2002-180 §14.1, SB 98.
Report by: State Disability Income Plan Study Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: December 31, 2003
Scope: Shall study the plan design, funding, and administration of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the Plan.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

STATE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, STATE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, SEPARATE INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.20(c), HB 397.
Report by: Study Commission on the State Disability Income Plan, the State Death Benefit Plan, and the Separate Insurance Benefits Plan for Law Enforcement Officers
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: January 1, 2005
Scope: Shall study the plan design, funding, and administration of the Disability Income Plan, the Death Benefit Plan, and the Separate Insurance Benefits Plan for State and Local Government Law Enforcement Officers, to determine what changes, if any, should be made to those Plans. Shall consider what changes could be made to the Plans that would enhance the efficiency of and reduce the cost of the Plans to the State and its employees.
Contact: See listing for Commission in Part II of this volume.

STATEWIDE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.21(c), HB 397.
Report by: Study Commission on Establishment of a Statewide Benefit Committee to Provide a Menu of Portable Supplemental Benefits for All State Employees
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: January 1, 2005
Scope: Shall study whether there should be established a Statewide Benefit Committee to provide a menu of portable supplemental benefits for all State employees, rather than the current system of a committee in each payroll unit.
Contact: See listing for Commission in Part II of this volume.

STUDENT POPULATION GROWTH

Authority: SL2003-284 §7.29, HB 397.
Report by: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: Shall study the effects of rapid growth in student population on local administrative units.
Contact: See listing for Committee in Part II of this volume.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES ASSESSING AGENCIES

Authority: SL2003-396 §2, SB 934.
Report by: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: Shall study the programs offered by assessing agencies to clients who must obtain a substance abuse assessment and a certification of completion of a substance abuse program. The study should include information on the type of testing provided, the treatment offered, average duration of a program, average cost of treatment, rates of recidivism, and adequacy of the fee paid for an assessment.
Contact: See listing for Committee in Part II of this volume.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Authority: SL2002-126 §7.18, SB 1115; SL2003-284 §7.39, HB 397.
Report by: State Board of Education
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: March 15, 2004, 2004
Scope: Shall, in consultation with the UNC Board of Governors and the Education Cabinet, shall review teacher preparation programs and the continuing certification process to determine how these programs can be modified to enhance the process and reduce the burden the process places on newly certified teachers, and shall study and propose modifications to current initial certification, continuing certification, and recertification programs that ensure high standards, support for teachers, and high retention rates.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 807-3304

TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

Authority: SL2003-284 §29.21, HB 397.
Report by: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, independent consultant
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 1 2003 (corrected to 2004 by HB 281 §94 which did not pass)
Scope: Shall contract with an independent consultant to study the project delivery process of the Department of Transportation. The study shall examine all aspects of the process, including planning, design, and contract letting procedures; and the effect of other resource and regulatory agency decisions and processes on the process. The study shall identify significant causes of delay and suggest specific, practical solutions.
Contact: See listing for Committee in Part II of this volume.

TUITION WAIVERS

Authority: SL2003-230 §4, SB 424.
Report by: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004
Scope: Shall study whether to extend the tuition waivers under G.S. 115B. Shall consider whether the waivers should be available to law enforcement officers, firefighters, or rescue squad workers who are permanently disabled as a result of injury sustained in the line of duty, and to their children.
Contact: See listing for Committee in Part II of this volume.

UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26a, and Senate Rule 31
Report by: Joint Select Committee on the UNC Board of Governors
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the method of election or appointment of members of the UNC Board of Governors, the length of members' terms, the number of terms a member may serve, and the size of the Board.
Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS AND PLACEMENT MEASURES

Authority: SL2001-312 §1(a), HB 1246.
Report by: UNC Board of Governors
Report to: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report due: Interim report no later than March 1, 2002, and final report by December 1, 2003
Scope: In cooperation with the State Board of Education and State Board of Community Colleges, shall study the measures used to make admissions, placement, and advanced placement decisions regarding incoming freshman and assess the uses made of those measures and their validity with regard to a student's academic performance and as predictors of future academic performance. Shall also assess whether alternative measures may be equally valid or more accurate as indicators of a student's academic performance. Consideration should be given on whether or not to eliminate, continue, or change the emphasis placed on the SAT and ACT as a mandatory admissions measure. The study should review incorporating the State's testing program into admissions, placement, and advanced placement decisions.
Contact: Board Office
(919) 962-1000

URBAN TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Authority: SL2003-383 §5(d); HB 48.
Report by: Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Solutions to North Carolina's Urban Transportation Needs
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: To study the unique mobility needs of urban areas in North Carolina. Shall study innovative financing approaches to mitigate urban congestion, local revenue options to give more control to urban areas, any urban transportation issues approved by co-chairs and Secretary of Transportation.
Contact: See listing for Commission in Part II of this volume.

VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Authority: SL2001-266, SB 9; SL2001-486 §2.22, SB 571; SL2003-284 §29.19(b), HB 397.
Report by: Virginia-North Carolina Interstate High Speed Rail Commission
Report to: Governor, and General Assembly
Report due: Interim report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and a final report by November 30, 2004.
Scope: To determine the desirability and feasibility of establishing high-speed passenger rail service between Virginia and North Carolina, and to consider and recommend those legislative actions necessary to establish such service, including identification of necessary levels of funding and sources for those funds.
Contact: See Commission listing in Part II of this volume.

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES EVALUATION

Authority: SL2002-167 §5(a), HB 1215.
Report by: Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Report to: Environmental Review Commission, and Environmental Management Commission
Report due: Interim report due no later than March 15, 2003, and final report no later than February 15, 2004
Scope: Shall evaluate water conservation measures being implemented in the State and identify incentive programs and other voluntary programs that can help foster water conservation and water reuse.
Contact: Legislative Liaison
(919) 715-4189

WILMINGTON RACE RIOT

Authority: SL2000-138 §17.1(b), SB 787; SL2002-180 §3.1, SB 98.
Report by: 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: December 31, 2004
Scope: Shall develop an historical record of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot.
Contact: See listing for Commission in Part II of this volume.

WORKFORCE NEEDS

Authority: Letter or 01-20-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31

Report by: Joint Select Committee on Workforce Needs

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, final report to the 2005 General Assembly

Scope: The Committee shall study family income needs, wages, labor market, trade agreements, layoffs, plant closings, economic development efforts, public and private initiatives, education effectiveness, earned income tax credit, and any other matter determined relevant.

Contact: See Committee listing in Part II of this volume.

PART II : STUDY COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: GS 120-70.100
Report by: Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Beginning of each regular session
Scope: To review rules to which the Rules Review Commission has objected to determine if statutory changes are needed to enable the agency to fulfill the intent of the General Assembly; to receive reports prepared by the Rules Review Commission containing the text and a summary of each rule approved by the Commission; to prepare a notebook containing administrative rules approved by the Rules Review Commission and reported to the Committee and to notify each member of the General Assembly of the availability of the notebook; to review State regulatory programs to determine if the rules are necessary or can be streamlined; to review the rule-making process to determine if the procedures for adopting rules give the public adequate notice of and information about proposed rules; to review other concerns about administrative law to determine if statutory changes are needed; and to report to the General Assembly on the Committee's activities and recommendations.

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION

Authority: GS 143B-30.1, 143B-30.2, and 143B-30.4.
Scope: To review administrative rules in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes
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Authority: GS 143-4.
Scope: At end of each fiscal year shall contract with a CPA to audit receipts and expenditures of the State Auditor's office, and make biennial inspection of those physical facilities of the State it deems necessary.

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AGING, STUDY COMMISSION ON

Authority: GS 120-180 through 120-188.
Report by: Study Commission on Aging
Report to: General Assembly; Governor
Report due: Each biennial session of the General Assembly at its convening
Scope: To study and evaluate the existing system of delivery of State services to the elderly and recommends improvements to the system to meet present and future needs

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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: GS 120-150 through 120-154.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: At least one month prior to the first regular session of each General Assembly.

Scope: Increases public awareness of influence of agriculture and forestry; studies and identifies problems

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ISSUES, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 11/3/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a), and House Rule 26(a)
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study all aspects of alcoholic beverage control in the State

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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, FOSTER CARE, AND ADOPTION, HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 09-19-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: April 15, 2004

Scope: In undertaking the study of child abuse and neglect, the Committee shall determine how children might be better protected from abuse and neglect.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON

Authority: GS 120-215 through 120-220.
Report by: Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth
Report to: General Assembly and Governor
Report due: Convening of General Assembly at the beginning of each biennium.
Scope: Shall study and evaluate of the system of delivery of services to children and youth and make recommendations. Study is continuing and ongoing.

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COMPANION ANIMALS, LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON

Authority: SL2002-180 §6.1, SB 98.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: May make an interim report no later than the convening of the 2003 General Assembly, and final report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session

Scope: Shall review the laws regarding companion animals considering the operation of public and private shelters, spay-neuter programs, minimum standards and responsibilities for owners, and the need and feasibility of licensing commercial breeders and kennel operators.

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**COMPANION ANIMALS AND THE INTERVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY, HOUSE
 INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE PREVENTION AND DISPOSITION OF
 UNWANTED AND ABANDONED**

Authority: Letter of 8-13-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and final report December 31, 2004

Scope: Shall address the issue of preventing unwanted and abandoned companion animals, specifically through the medical procedures pr spaying and neutering, to review the laws related to current control practices, including disposition, and the laws dealing with revenue collection and appropriation.

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Authority: GS 120-70.93 through 120-70.95.
Reports to: General Assembly
Scope: Examines on a continuing basis the correctional system in NC

Additional Studies Assigned/Referred:
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Authority: GS 7A-506 through 7A-510

Scope: Studies structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of Judicial Department, recommends changes to facilitate administration of justice

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 8-12-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6a and House Rule 26a

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: April 15, 2004

Scope: Shall review the causes of domestic violence, the laws related to domestic violence in North Carolina, the law enforcement and judicial system responses to domestic violence cases, the severity of criminal penalties in domestic violence cases, the effectiveness of the 1999 Crime Victims' Rights Act, and the adequacy of the data collection systems tracking domestic violence cases and homicides.

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DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL PROPERTY STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: SL2003-314 sec. 3.4(a), HB 684.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Not specified

Scope: Shall study the sale of Dorothea Dix campus property no longer needed by the hospital and not transferred to another agency and make recommendations on options for sale of the property to the Governmental Operations Commission before any sale.

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Contact**ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON**

Authority: Letter of 09-04-2003: pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Undertake a comprehensive review of the current State and local resources devoted to economic growth and development and determine how the State, working together with local communities, can best achieve economic stability, growth, and development in North Carolina.

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EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS ON LONG TERM SUSPENSION, HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATE

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: April 15, 2004
Scope: Shall study the feasibility and cost of developing a State plan to ensure that students recommended for long-term suspension receive an appropriate education.

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EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: GS 120-70.80 through 120-70.82.
Report by: Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: The Committee may make interim reports to the General Assembly on matters for which it may report to a regular session of the General Assembly.
Scope: To study educational institutions and recommend ways to improve public education from kindergarten through higher education

Additional Studies Assigned/Referred:

Student population growth
Tuition waivers

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EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS, COMMITTEE ON

Authority: GS 135-38.

Scope: To review programs of hospital, medical and related care, and programs of long-term care benefits.

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Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Not specified

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Authority: GS 143B-282 through 143B-285.
Report by: Environmental Management Commission
Report to: Environmental Review Commission
Report due: The Environmental Management Commission shall submit quarterly written reports as to its operation, activities, programs, and progress to the Environmental Review Commission. The Environmental Management Commission shall supplement the written reports required by this subsection with additional written and oral reports as may be requested by the Environmental Review Commission.
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION

Authority: GS 120-70.41 through 120-70.47.
Report by: Environmental Review Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: From time to time Notwithstanding any rule or resolution to the contrary, proposed legislation to implement any recommendation of the Commission regarding any study the Commission is authorized to undertake or any report authorized or required to be made by or to the Commission may be introduced and considered during any session of the General Assembly.
Scope: Studies all issues and actions relating to the environment including the organization of State government; reviews and evaluates changes in federal law and regulations, court decisions, and changes in technology; makes reports and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Additional Studies Assigned/Referred:

Evaluate water quality and endangered species protection in Swift Creek
Leaking underground storage tank program

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Authority: GS 120-99 through 120-106.
Scope: To prescribe forms for informational statements, accept and file information, maintain records, prepare principles and guidelines, advise and render opinions, propose rules of ethics and conduct, investigate and dispose of cases of misconduct
Note: The President Pro Tempore appoints the chair in odd years. The Speaker appoints the chair in even years.

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EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT REVISIONS, JOINT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.12(b), HB 397.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: April 1, 2004

Scope: Shall consider contemporary financial management practices in reviewing the current budget process. Shall recommend any changes to the Executive Budget Act that are needed to modernize and improve the process of budget preparation, budget adoption, budget execution, and program evaluation.

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FUTURE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, STUDY COMMISSION ON THE

Authority: SL97-40, SB 38; SL1999-122, HB 778; SL1999-395 §6.1, HB 163; SL2000-53, HB 1593; SL2000-67 §14.10, HB 1840.

Report by: Study Commission on the Future of Electric Service in North Carolina

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Interim report to the 1997 General Assembly 1998 Regular Session, and shall report periodically thereafter and shall terminate June 30, 2006.

Scope: Shall study the cost, adequacy, availability and pricing of electric rates and service to determine whether legislation is necessary to assure adequate and reliable service and economical, fair and equitable rates for all consumers of electricity. Study shall include reliability, universal access, states reciprocity, stranded costs, state and federal jurisdiction, alternative regulation, customer choice of providers, and the impact of competition.

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FUTURE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: G.S. 120-245
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Annually
Scope: Shall study the importance of railroads and railroad infrastructure to economic development including short-line railroads, and issues important to the future of passenger and freight rail service, methods to expedite property disputes between railroads and property owners, and all aspects of the operation, structure, management, and long-range plans of the N.C. Railroad.
Note: Made permanent by SL2000-138 sec. 8.3(b).

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FUTURE STRATEGIES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: GS 120-84.6 through 120-84.12.
Report by: Joint Legislative Commission on Future Strategies for North Carolina
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: From time to time
Scope: To review future trends and events to consider the effect on NC and develop policy options for how State and local governments and the public can prepare to benefit

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GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

Authority: GS 164-14.

Scope: To review all matters involved in preparation and publication of laws, review statute research and corrections and issuance of supplements to the General Statutes, recommend changes in the law deemed advisable

Additional Studies Assigned Referred:

Chapter 20 (Motor Vehicle Act) consolidation

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GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY

Authority: GS 63A-3 through 63A-25.
Report by: Global TransPark Authority (located within the Department of Transportation)
Report to: Annual report - Governor; General Assembly; Local Government Commission
Quarterly reports - Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Report due: Annual report due at close of each fiscal year
Scope: Shall establish, finance, purchase, construct, operate and regulate cargo airport complexes
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GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: GS 120-71 through 120-79.

Scope: To conduct evaluative studies of the programs, policies, practices and procedures of the various departments, agencies, and institutions of State government

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GROWTH STRATEGIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: G.S. 120-70.120 as established by SL2001-491 §3.1, SB 166.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim reports may be made to a Regular Session.
Scope: Shall examine, on a continuing basis, growth and development issues and strategies in order to make ongoing recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to promote comprehensive and coordinated local, regional, and State growth planning and public

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Authority: GS 120-70.110 through 120-70.112.
Report by: Joint Legislative Health Care Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the delivery, availability and cost of health care in North Carolina, and other matters related to health care and health care coverage.

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Authority: SL2003-284 §29.12(c), HB 397.
Report to: Joint Legislative Transportation oversight Committee
Report due: November 1, 2004
Scope: May study all aspects of the Highway Trust Fund.

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HISTORIC REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Authority: SL97-443 §34.6(b), SB 352.

Scope: To review the Office of State Budget and Management's proposal for use of funds from the Repairs and Renovations Fund for Historic Sites.

Membership:

The three cochairs of the Senate Appropriations and Base Budget Committee, and the four cochairs of the House Appropriations Committee.

HORACE WILLIAMS AIRPORT, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE

Authority: Letter of 01-20-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the utility of maintaining the operation of the Horace Williams Airport in Chapel Hill, taking in to consideration issues of safety, access, expense of operation, and alternative operation structures to meet aviation demands at the existing facility.

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Authority: G.S. 120-230
Report by: Joint Select Committee on Information Technology
Report to: General Assembly
Scope: Shall review current information technology that impacts public policy, including electronic data processing and telecommunications, software technology, and information processing. To develop electronic commerce in the State and to coordinate the use of information

technology by State agencies in a manner that assures that the citizens of the State receive quality services from all State agencies and that the needs of the citizens are met in an efficient and effective manner.

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Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Not specified

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Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a)
Report to: General Assembly
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Scope: Not specified

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Authority: GS 120-30.10 through 120-30.18.

Report: Legislative Research Commission

Report to: General Assembly

Scope: To conduct studies and investigations into governmental agencies, institutions, and matters of public policy; report to the General Assembly; request other State agencies, boards, commissions, or committees conduct studies if appropriate

Note: The studies that the Legislative Research Commission is authorized to undertake are presented along with authorizing authority in Part I, arranged by subject matter headings. The following is a list of individual subject matters authorized to be studied.

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Authority: GS 120-31 through 120-36.

Scope: Establishes staffing needs, classification and compensation of employees; acquires and disposes of furnishings, etc.; contracts for necessary services; provides for engrossing and enrolling of bills, duplication and distribution of ratified laws and resolutions; maintains records; provides for indexing and publishing of session laws and provides bound volumes of journals and session laws to the Secretary of State; etc.

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LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: GS 120-70.31 through 120-70.37.

Report by: Joint Select Committee on Low-Level Radioactive Waste

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: From time to time

Scope: To study alternatives for dealing with low-level radioactive waste; review and evaluate changes in federal law and regulations, court decisions, and changes in technology; reviews proposed State law and rules; report from time to time to the General Assembly

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MEDICAID REFORM, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON

Authority: SL2003-284 §6.14A(a), HB 397.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim report by April 1, 2004, Final report by February 1, 2005
Scope: The Commission shall examine the State's Medicaid program and make comprehensive recommendations for fundamental reform.

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MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, HOUSE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON

Authority: Letter of 09-12-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and House Rule 26(a)
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Scope: Shall conduct a study of medical malpractice and make comprehensive recommendations for fundamental reform.

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**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,
JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON**

Authority: GS 120-240; SL2000-83 §2, HB 1519

Scope: Shall examine, on a continuing basis, statewide system issues affecting the development, financing, administration, and delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services, including issues related to the governance, accountability, and quality of services delivered.

Additional Studies Assigned Referred.

Substance abuse services assessing agencies

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Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26a, and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the State's relationship with the military
Note: Senate Select Committee on Military Affairs created on March 11, 2003, merged with Joint Select Committee.

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Authority: Pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6. and Senate Rule-31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due:
Scope: Merged with Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs as of 11/12/2003.

MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAWS, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 09-24-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May 15, 2004
Scope: Shall review the laws of this State and other states relating to the use of motorcycle helmets; including current requirements for mandatory use, studies of effectiveness, effects on insurance premiums, safety training

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MUNICIPAL INCORPORATIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: GS 120-158 through 120-174.

Scope: To review petitions for incorporation and make findings and recommendations to the General Assembly

Note: The chair is elected from the membership for a one-year term

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NEW LICENSING BOARDS, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON

Authority: GS 120-149.1 through 120-149.6.

Scope: To review and assess proposed legislation on new licensing boards.

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PROFITEERING FROM CRIME, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PREVENTING UNJUST

Authority: Letter of 01-21-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19-6(a), and House Rule 26(a)
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: On or before the convening of the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session
Scope: Shall study the laws of this State and other states to determine what can be done to prevent criminal offenders and other from profiteering from crimes and may study other related issues. May consider court cases concerning "Son of Sam" laws to ensure any proposed legislation can withstand constitutional challenge.

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PROPERTY TAX SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE

Authority: SL2002-184 §8, SB 1161.
Report to: Revenue Laws Study Committee
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Shall study, examine, and if necessary recommend changes to the property tax system.

Additional Studies Assigned/Referred:

Impact of acquisition of land for conservation on local tax revenues

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: GS 120-195 through 120-203.
Report by: Public Health Study Commission
Report to: General Assembly, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor
Report due: Not later than 30 days later the convening of each biennial session
Scope: To determine whether the public health services currently available in each county or district health department conform to the mission and essential services; study the workforce needs of each county or district health department; review the status and needs of local health departments relative to facilities, and the need for the development of minimum standards governing the provision and maintenance of facilities; propose a long-range plan for funding; conduct any other studies or evaluation necessary; study the capacity of small counties to meet core public health functions mandated by current State and federal law

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REDISTRICTING, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 11-19-2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Not specified
Scope: Committee ends on appointment of standing Senate Redistricting Committee

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REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE

Authority: GS 120.70.105 through 120.70.107.
Report by: Revenue Laws Study Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Beginning of each regular session, may make interim reports.

Scope: Shall study the revenue laws and their administration and report on any determination of needed changes.

Additional Studies Assigned Referred.

Consolidated corporate income tax returns
Outdoor advertising amortization ordinances

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RIISING COST OF HEALTH CARE, HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE

Authority: Letter of 09-12-03; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a), and House Rule 26(a)

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: March 15, 2004

Scope: Review the rate of health care cost increases, actions by other states, effect on availability of health care, affordability of health care in NC, effect on employers, factors that effect health care costs, and other related issues, to determine how to stem the rising cost of health care.

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SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON

Authority: G.S. 120-70.60 through 120-70.66.
Report by: Joint Legislative Commission on Seafood and Aquaculture
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: From time to time
Scope: To monitor and study the current seafood industry, study the potential for increasing the role of aquaculture, evaluate actions of other agencies relating to seafood and aquaculture, evaluate federal law changes, make reports

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SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

Authority: GS 143B-181.55.
Report by: Senior Tar Heel Legislature
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Each regular session
Scope: To provide information to senior citizens on the legislative process and matters before the General Assembly, promote citizen involvement and advocacy on aging issues, and assess the needs of older citizens by convening a forum modeled after the General Assembly.

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Authority: GS 164-35 through 164-45.
Report by: Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Shall report annually.
Scope: Evaluates sentencing laws and policies in relationship to both the stated purposes of the criminal justice and corrections systems and the availability of sentencing options; makes recommendations to the General Assembly for modification of laws and options as necessary to achieve policy goals.

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SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
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STATE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: SL2002-180 §14.1, SB 98.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: December 31, 2003

Scope: Shall study the plan design, funding, and administration of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina to determine what changes, if any, should be made to the Plan.

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STATE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, THE STATE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, AND THE SEPARATE INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, STUDY COMMISSION ON THE

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.20(c), HB 397.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: January 1, 2005

Scope: Shall study the plan design, funding, and administration of the Disability Income Plan, the Death Benefit Plan, and the Separate Insurance Benefits Plan for State and Local Government Law Enforcement Officers, to determine what changes, if any, should be made to those Plans. Shall consider what changes could be made to the Plans that would enhance the efficiency of and reduce the cost of the Plans to the State and its employees.

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STATEWIDE BENEFITS COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE A MENU OF PORTABLE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR ALL STATE EMPLOYEES, STUDY COMMISSION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A

Authority: SL2003-284 §30.21(c), HB 397.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: January 1, 2005

Scope: Shall study whether there should be established a Statewide Benefit Committee to provide a menu of portable supplemental benefits for all State employees, rather than the current system of a committee in each payroll unit.

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STATEWIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STUDY COMMISSION

Authority: SL2002-180 §15.1, SB 98.
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May make interim reports to the 2003 General Assembly, final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the delivery of emergency medical services in the State; examining the State Trauma System funding; legal, administrative, logistical and other impediments to trauma care; ways of improving trauma care; State readiness to handle trauma from massive disasters; and other related matters.

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TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: GS 120-70.50 through 120-70.52.
Report by: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: Interim reports
Scope: To review DOT reports, monitor NC Highway Trust Fund and Highway Fund, determine needed revisions in funding, report to the General Assembly
Note: The Legislative Services Commission shall pay the costs of the attendance of the Chairmen of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources and the House Appropriations Committee Transportation Subcommittee at all meetings of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. These subsistence and travel expenses shall be as provided in G.S. 120-3.1. (1990 Session Laws, Chapter 1074, Sec. 37, SB 1427; 1991 Session Laws, Chapter 689, Sec. 207, HB 83)

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Transportation project delivery process

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UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE

Authority: Letter of 11/12/2003; pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26a, and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and shall report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: Shall study the method of election or appointment of members of the UNC Board of Governors, the length of members' terms, the number of terms a member may serve, and the size of the Board.

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URBAN TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY SOLUTIONS TO NORTH CAROLINA'S

Authority: SL2003-383 §5(d); HB 48.

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: Interim report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and final report to the 2005 General Assembly

Scope: To study the unique mobility needs of urban areas in North Carolina. Shall study innovative financing approaches to mitigate urban congestion, local revenue options to give more control to urban areas, any urban transportation issues approved by co-chairs and Secretary of Transportation.

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UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

Authority: GS 120-70.1 through 120-70.6.

Report by: Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee

Report to: General Assembly

Report due: From time to time

Scope: To evaluate the actions of the NC Utilities Commission, analyze the operations of the utility companies operating in NC, inquire into development of alternate sources of energy and the conservation of energy, review changes in federal law and regulations, and technology, submit evaluations of performance of NC Utilities Commission, the public staff and utilities operations in the State, and make reports and recommendations to the General Assembly

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VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA INTERSTATE HIGH-SPEED RAIL COMMISSION

Authority: SL2001-266, SB 9; SL2001-486 §2.22, SB 571; SL2003-284 §29.19(b), HB 397.
Report to: Governor, and General Assembly
Report due: Interim report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, and a final report by November 30, 2004.
Scope: To determine the desirability and feasibility of establishing high-speed passenger rail service between Virginia and North Carolina, and to consider and recommend those legislative actions necessary to establish such service, including identification of necessary levels of funding and sources for those funds.

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WILMINGTON RACE RIOT COMMISSION, 1898

Authority: SL2000-138 §17.1, SB 787; SL2002-180 §3.1, SB 98.
Report by: 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: December 12, 2004
Scope: Shall develop an historical record of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot.

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WORKFORCE NEEDS, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

Authority: Letter or 01-20-2004, pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6, House Rule 26(a), and Senate Rule 31
Report to: General Assembly
Report due: May report to the 2003 General Assembly 2004 Regular Session, final report to the 2005 General Assembly
Scope: The Committee shall study family income needs, wages, labor market, trade agreements, layoffs, plant closings, economic development efforts, public and private initiatives, education effectiveness, earned income tax credit, and any other matter determined relevant.

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PART I. Studies Referred to the Legislative Research Commission

Consumer Protection Issues

- Banking and Lending Laws S.L. 2003- (HB 917)

PART II. Independent Legislative Studies

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.100)
Cochrane-Brown, Shuping

AGING, NORTH CAROLINA STUDY COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-180 through 120-188) *Matula, Jessup*

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION (G.S. 120-150 through 120-154)
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-215 through 120-220)
Graf, Carter, Huie

COMPANION ANIMALS, LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON (S.L. 2002-180, §6.1, SB 98)
(House appointments made, Senate appointments pending)

CORRECTIONS, CRIME CONTROL, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (G.S. 120-70.93 through 120-70.95) *Carter, Sizemore, Mills*

COURTS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA (G.S. 7A-506 through 510) *Carter*

DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL PROPERTY STUDY COMMISSION (S.L. 2003-314, §3.4, HB 684)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 120-70.90)

EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.80 through 120-70.82)
Chauhan, Iorio, Johnson, Kamprath

EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS, COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 135-38) *Byrd, Trogden*

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION (G.S. 120-70.41 through 120-70.47) *Givens, Hudson, Iddings*

ESTABLISHMENT OF STATEWIDE BENEFIT COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE A MENU OF PORTABLE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FOR ALL STATE EMPLOYEES (S.L. 2003-284, §30.21, HB 397)

ETHICS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-99 through 120-106) *Reagan, Johnson*

EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT REVISIONS, JOINT COMMITTEE ON (S.L. 2002-284, §6.12, HB 397)

FUTURE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, STUDY COMMISSION ON THE (S.L. 97-40, SB 38; S.L.97-483, Part X, SB 32) *Rose*

FUTURE STRATEGIES FOR NORTH CAROLINA, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-84.6 through 120-84.12)

GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION (G.S. 164-14) *Floyd Lewis, Bly Hall; Dept. of Justice*

- Study the need to regulate "puppy mills"

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-71 through 120-79) *Willis, Wheeler, Muchmore, Fuerst*

GROWTH STRATEGIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.120)

HEALTH CARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.110 through 120-70.112) *Jessup*

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND STUDY COMMITTEE (S.L. 2003-284, §29.12, HB 397)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 120-230) *Carter, McCarty, Herrera*

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 120-70.31 through 120-70.37) *Givens, Rose*

MEDICAID REFORM, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON (S.L. 2003-284, §6.14A, HB 397)

MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-204 through 207)

MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 120-240 through 242)

- Substance abuse assessments (S.L. 2003-396, §2, SB 934)

MUNICIPAL INCORPORATIONS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-158 through 120-174) *Cohen, Moses*

NEW LICENSING BOARDS, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON (G.S. 120-149.1 through 120-149.6) *Avrette, Shuping*

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY COMMISSION (G.S. 120-195 through 120-203) *Jessup*

REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE (G.S. 120-70.105 through 120-70.107) *Avrette, Bostic, Crotts, Harris, Huie, Millsaps, Shuping, Walston*

SEAFOOD AND AQUACULTURE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON (G.S. 120-70.60 through 120-70.66) *Hudson, Givens*

STATE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN AND SEPARATE INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (S.L. 2003-284, §30.20, HB 397) (*Appointments pending*)

STATEWIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STUDY COMMISSION (S.L. 2002-180, §15.1, SB 98)
(House appointments made, Senate appointments pending)

TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.50 through 120-70.52) *Perry, Rodewald, Weiss*

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA (S.L. 2003-114, SB 704)

URBAN TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY SOLUTIONS TO NORTH CAROLINA'S (S.L. 2003-383, HB 48)

UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (G.S. 120-70.1 through 120-70.6) *Goldsmith, Rose*

WILMINGTON RACE RIOT COMMISSION, 1898 (SL 2000-138, §17.1, SB 787; SL 2002-180, §3.1, SB 98)

PART III. Proposed Studies (HB 674/SB 34)

A. LRC Studies

SECTION 2.1.

- (1) Government Regulatory Issues:
 - a. Naturopathic physician licensure (H.B. 1142 – Hill)
 - b. Authorizing local boards of health to impose fees for the regulation of food and lodging facilities (Reeves)
 - c. Landscape/irrigation contractors (H.B. 947 – Gibson, McHenry)
 - d. Fire safety in local confinement facilities (H.B. 1050 – Frye)
 - e. Regulating ticket brokers (H.B. 1072 – Miner, Gibson)
- (2) Transportation Issues:
 - a. Handheld cell phone use while driving (H.B. 623 – Bowie, Luebke, McAllister)
 - b. State ports (H.B. 1249 – McComas)
 - c. Purchasing alternative-fuel or low-emission school buses (S.J.R. 768 – Bingham)
 - d. Dangers posed by issuing drivers licenses without verifying identity or residence (Shubert)
 - e. Commercial drivers license requirements and emergency situations (Sloan).
- (3) Consumer Issues:
 - a. Debt collection practices (H.B. 1039 – Weiss; Rand)

- (4) Insurance Issues:
 - a. Workers' compensation/agricultural employment (S.B. 632 – Clodfelter; H.B. 922 – Luebke)
- (5) Health Issues:
 - a. Nursing shortage (S.J.R. 142 – Forrester, Purcell)
 - b. Medical errors (S.J.R. 634 – Forrester)
 - c. Environmental causes of cancer (S.J.R. 143 – Forrester, Purcell)
 - d. Educating the public on ovarian cancer risks and prevention (S.J.R. 636 – Forrester)
 - e. Reducing prescription drug costs (H.B. 1234 – Insko, Glazier, Ross)
 - f. Bulk purchasing of pharmaceutical drugs (S.J.R. 968 – Kinnaird)
 - g. Pain management and palliative care (Luebke)
- (6) Criminal Law Issues:
 - a. Execution delay (S.B. 972 – Kinnaird, Carpenter, Holloman, Shaw, Clodfelter, Dorsett, Malone, Dannelly, Gulley, Lucas; H.B. 1199 – Luebke, Hackney, Miner, Alexander)
 - b. No profit from crime (H.B. 911 – Eddins, Holliman)
 - c. Reclassify statutory rape (H.B. 243 – Haire)
 - d. Amend habitual felon law (H.B. 242 – Haire)
 - e. Restructure prior criminal record points (H.B. 247 – Haire)
 - f. Sentence lengths (H.B. 264 – Haire; S.B. 208 – Gulley)
 - g. Adjust penalties for B1 to E offenses (H.B. 246 – Haire)
 - h. Arson offenses (H.B. 244 – Haire)
 - i. Drug trafficking laws (H.B. 241 – Haire)
 - j. Provide a high felony classification for discharging a weapon on school property (Hackney)
 - k. Judicial approval for pleas in certain cases (H.B. 1139; Clodfelter)
- (7) State Employee Issues:
 - a. Pay equity (H.B. 544 – Alexander, Clary, Weiss, Insko; S.B. 747 – Lucas)
 - b. Job sharing (H.J.R. 958 – Glazier)
 - c. State government employment (H.B. 861 – Earle, Wainwright)
 - d. Reemployment of retirees (H.B. 219 – Glazier; S.B. 10 – Garwood)
 - e. The adequacy and timeliness of public employee benefit plan disclosure (Shubert)

- (8) Other:
- a. Repealing Dillon's Rule in certain circumstances (S.B. 160 – Clodfelter)
 - b. Modernizing city and county planning (S.B. 914 – Clodfelter)
 - c. Trafficking of persons (H.J.R. 1086 – Alexander)
 - d. Guardianship (H.B. 156 – Warren, Earle; S.B. 273 – Swindell, Purcell)
 - e. Dix Hospital property (H.B. 960 – Ross, Weiss, Munford, Stam; S.B. 413 – Reeves)
 - f. Assistance to dairy farmers (H.B. 1143 – Hill; Brubaker; Albertson)
 - g. Job growth (H.B. 740 – C. Wilson)
 - h. Immigration (S.J.R. 553 – Albertson)
 - i. Marine fisheries (S.B. 838 – Albertson; H.B. 989 – Wainwright)
 - j. Magistrate supervision (Gulley of Durham)
 - k. Casino nights for nonprofit organizations (H.B. 149 – Owens)
 - l. Soil and water conservation issues (Brubaker)
 - m. Compensation for eugenic sterilization (H.B. 1236 – Womble, Parmon, Insko, Ross).

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SECTION 2.1.(e) Wind Energy (Queen)

SECTION 2.1.(f) Centralized Agency to Conduct Criminal Record Checks (Rand)

SECTION 2.1.(g) Pawnbrokers (Glazier, Dickson)

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SECTION 2.1.(i) Abandoned junk vehicles (Culpepper)

SECTION 2.1.(j) Study VoCATS

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SECTION 2.1.(m) Comprehensive Statewide Emergency Communications Planning (Culpepper, Clodfelter)

- SECTION 2.1.(n)** Veterans' Nursing Homes (S.B. 958 – Thomas, Carpenter)
SECTION 2.1.(o) Begin Schools After Labor Day (S.B. 779 – Dannelly;
Thomas; H.B. 863 – C. Wilson, Hill)

B. Independent Studies

Aging, North Carolina Study Commission on

- Emergency generators (H.B. 346 – Moore) (H.B. 674, Sec. 23.2)
- Long-term care remediation (S.B. 206 – Swindell, Purcell) (H.B. 674, Sec. 23.3)

Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission

- Agriculture Commodity Incentives (Albertson) (H.B. 674, Sec. 40.2.)
- Food Safety and Security (S.B. 834 – Albertson) (H.B. 674, Sec. 40.2.)

Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative

- Deter juvenile escapes (H.B. 956 – Haire) (H.B. 674, Sec. 30.2.)
- Federal Structured Sentencing System (Culpepper) (H.B. 674, Sec. 30.3.)

Education Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative

- Teacher assistant salary schedule (Holliman; H.B. 800 – Warner, Pate) (HB 674, Sec. 8.2.)
- Rural Schools (S.B. 703 – Metcalf, Swindell, Holloman) (HB 674, Sec. 8.3.)
- Physical restraints/seclusion in schools (S.B. 977 – Dorsett) (HB 674, Sec. 8.4.)
- High school graduation rate incentives (H.B. 1251 – Glazier; S.B. 949 – Lucas) (HB 674, Sec. 8.5.)
- At-risk students single funding (H.B. 1250 – Glazier; S.B. 954 – Lucas) (HB 674, Sec. 8.6.)
- Job sharing for school employees other than teachers (H.B. 271 – Glazier, Warner, Lucas, Insko) (HB 674, Sec. 8.7.)
- Close achievement gap (H.B. 938 – Michaux; S.B. 599 – Lucas) (HB 674, Sec. 8.8.)
- E-textbooks for students (H.B. 940 – Miller) (HB 674, Sec. 8.9.)
- Attracting teachers to become coaches (Nesbitt) (HB 674, Sec. 8.10.)
- Kindergarten admission requirements (Kerr; Pate) (HB 674, Sec. 8.11.)
- Update the job description for school counselors (Metcalf; H.B. 463 – Bell) (HB 674, Sec. 8.12.)
- Testing Reform (Metcalf, Lucas, Apodaca) (HB 674, Sec. 8.13.)
- School of engineering at Fayetteville State University (Shaw) (HB 674, Sec. 8.14.)
- Total Teacher Program (S.B. 1001 – Ballantine) (HB 674, Sec. 8.15.)
- School Construction (Garrou) (HB 674, Sec. 8.16.)
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Environmental Review Commission

- Clean Air Trust Fund (S.B. 981 – Metcalf) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.2.)
- Enable revocation of contracts under certain circumstances (S.B. 878 – Horton) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.3.)
- Water restriction guidelines (Gibson) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.4.)
- Plan to Share Floodplain Mapping Information (H.J.R. 1157 – Daughtridge) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.5.)
- Effectiveness of Environmental Programs (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.6.)
- Deterrents to stormwater runoff (Horton) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.7.)
- Protecting property owners adjacent to activities for which a stormwater permit is issued (S.B. 888 – Rucho) (H.B. 674, Sec. 15.8.)

Executive Budget Act Revisions Study, Joint Committee on (Culpepper, Clodfelter) (H.B. 674, Sec. 26.1.)

- Review issues in H.B. 1218 and S.B. 726 (Judicial Branch Budget Reform)

Growth Strategies Oversight Committee Study, Joint Legislative (S.B. 896 – Queen)

- Identify the major opportunities and challenges facing the urban cores of this State and to develop practical proposals for meeting these challenges to be submitted to the legislative and executive branches of government. (H.B. 674, Sec. 12.1)

Health Care Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative

- Benefits for State Employee Dependents (Rand) (H.B. 674, Sec. 10.2.)
- Consolidation of State Health Care Services (Rand) (H.B. 674, Sec. 10.3.)

Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on

- Integration of care for children with multiple system service needs (H.B. 169 – Insko; S.B. 262 – Foxx, Metcalf, Allran, Dannelly, Lucas, Purcell) (H.B. 674, Sec. 24.2.)
- Mental health in prisons (H.B. 1085 – Insko) (H.B. 674, Sec. 24.3.)

Revenue Laws Study Committee

- Valuation of Lots in Subdivisions (S.B. 520 - Dalton; H.B. 528 – Moore, Clary, England) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.2.)
- Simplified Business Entity Taxation (S.B. 860 – Clodfelter) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.3.)
- Private Activity Bonds (Rand) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.4.)
- Conform Bank Expense Deduction (H.B. 1290 – McComas; H.B. 827 – Weiss, Luebke, Insko, Glazier) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.5.)
- Subsidiary Dividend Taxes (H.B. 1291 – McComas) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.6.)

- Income Tax Derived from Manufacturing (H.B. 1268 – Blackwood) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.7.)
- Tax Foreclosures (H.B. 981 – A. Williams) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.8.)
- Comparative Tax Burden (H.B. 1247 – McComas) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.9.)
- Tax Incentives to Promote Preservation of Open Spaces (H.B. 887 – G. Allen, Hackney; S.B. 950 – Lucas) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.10.)
- Sales and Use Tax Exemption (Kerr; Pate) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.11.)
- Tax Preferences (H.B. 959 – Glazier) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.12.)
- Reduce Utility Equipment Sales Tax (H.B. 759 – Goforth) (HB 674, Part IX, Sec. 9.13.)

Seafood and Aquaculture, Joint Legislative Commission on (H.B. 758 – Stiller) (H.B. 674, Sec. 28.1)

- Study whether it should be unlawful to take shrimp with trawl nets in certain inland waters

Transportation Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative

- I-95 Tolls (Rand) (H.B. 674, Sec. 13.2.)
- Paving of subdivision roads (H.B. 674, Sec. 13.3.)
- Registration of all terrain vehicles (H.B. 473 – Baker) (H.B. 674, Sec. 13.4.)
- Alternative fuels (Daughtridge) (H.B. 674, Sec. 13.5.)
- Weight limit changes (S.B. 377 – Garwood) (H.B. 674, Sec. 13.6.)

C. Proposed New Independent Study Committees/Commissions

Alcoholic Beverage Control Issues Study Commission (H.B. 1009 – Gibson; H.B. 920 – Sutton) (H.B. 674, Part IV.)

Childhood Obesity, Commission on (S.B. 582 – Purcell) (H.B. 674, Sec. 14.)

Economic Development Board Task Force Study (Black, Morgan) (H.B. 674, Sec. 35.)

Election Laws Revision Commission (Gulley of Durham) (H.B. 674, Sec. 41.)

Financing Infrastructure for Industrial Corridors, Legislative Study Commission on (McComas, Justice) (H.B. 674, Sec. 38.)

Hurricane Evacuation Standards Study Commission (H.B. 674, Sec. 45.)

Indian Gaming, Study Commission on (Culpepper) (H.B. 674, Sec. 31.)

Insurance and Civil Justice Reform, Senate Select Committee on (Basnight) (H.B. 674, Sec. 27.)

Local Government Select Committee (Stevens, Smith) (H.B. 674, Sec. 42.)

Medical Malpractice, Blue Ribbon Task Force on (H.R. 1027 – Carney, Earle, Bordsen, Dickson, Glazier)
(H.B. 674, Sec. 34.)

Residential and Urban Development Encroachment on Military Bases and Training Areas, Study Commission on (Rand) (H.B. 674, Part VI.)

State Personnel Statutes, Legislative Study Commission on (Reeves, Gibson) (H.B. 674, Part VII.)

Statewide Emergency Preparedness Study Commission (S.B. 615 – Dannelly) (H.B. 674, Part III.)

Students on Long-Term Suspension, Study Commission on Providing an Appropriate Education for (H.B. 1135 – Preston, L. Johnson, Parmon, Nesbitt; Womble) (H.B. 674, Sec. 21.)

UNC Board of Governors Study Commission (H.B. 674, Sec. 16.)

Workforce Needs Study Commission (Lucas of Durham) (H.B. 674, Sec. 20.)

D. Department/Agency/Other Studies

Administration, Department of (H.B. 1146 – Nesbitt) (H.B. 674, Sec. 19.)

- Study retainage from payment on public construction projects.

Administrative Office of the Courts/Department of Correction (H.B. 890 – Eddins, Holliman) (H.B. 674, Sec. 29.1.)

- Shall jointly study the processes for the collection and payment of restitution in this State, and shall determine methods for reducing the number of restitution payments that go unclaimed.

Building Code Council, North Carolina (Culpepper) (H.B. 674, Sec. 22.)

- Affordability of housing study.

Correction, Department of (S.B. 1014 – Berger) (H.B. 674, Sec. 39.)

- Study confinement of inmates who are physically incapacitated due to chronic illness or disability.

Cultural Resources/Commission on Indian Affairs, Department of (H.B. 747 – Sutton) (H.B. 674, Sec. 25.)

- Study the future of the North Carolina Archaeological Collection.

General Statutes Commission (H.B. 1198 – Alexander) (H.B. 674, Sec. 18.)

- Study to amend the General Statutes to delete the words "handicap" and "handicapped" and substitute the appropriate phrase describing the disability.

North Carolina Central University (H.B. 862 – Earle, Wainwright) (H.B. 674, Part V.)

- Study whether there is an overrepresentation of minority youth in State youth development centers.

Pamlico Technical High School Task Force (Gorman) (H.B. 674, Sec. 44.)

- Develop a plan to expand students' educational opportunities by creating a technical high school.

Promote Government Efficiency and Savings in State Spending (Rand), Study of Various Ways to (H.B. 674, Part XI.)

- The University of North Carolina (through the Office of the President), the Judicial Branch (through the Administrative Office of the Courts), the Executive Branch (through the Department of Administration), the Legislative Branch (through the Legislative Services Office), the Community College System (through the President's Office), and the Department of Public Instruction shall jointly study various ways to promote government efficiency and savings on State spending, including listed proposals.

State Board Teacher Retention Task Force (H.B. 674, Sec. 37.)

- Study issues related to effective recruitment and retention of teachers.

State Budget and Management, Office of (Sherrill) (H.B. 674, Sec. 33.)

- Analyze the structure and operation of the Department of Public Instruction.

Transportation with the State Treasurer, Department of (McComas) (H.B. 674, Sec. 32.)

- Joint study to provide appropriate debt financing to accelerate the construction schedule for the Wilmington Bypass project.

UNC Board of Governors (H.B. 674, Sec. 36.1)

- Study feasibility of forgiveness of Student Debt Program.

Wildlife Resources Commission (S.B. 790 – Queen) (H.B. 674, Sec. 17.)

- Study the current state of trout fishing in Western North Carolina.

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